

Black
1974 Spring Migration
Red Rock area + Pleasantville
a cold spring - Geese & ducks approximately
a month later than 1977. Lake Red Rock up,
white Pelicans - 5 in Refuge April 6, 30; 135 on Lake Red
Rock April 11-15.

Cattle Egrets - 3 at farm So side Refuge Apr 7-9;
16 on farm So side Lake Red Rock April 14-20 with 7
still there thru May 6; 5 on farm East of Peville
on May 18 being chased by young Holstein Cattle
& finally forced to leave the field!! First time
I observed this. Cattle always tolerant in past.

Snow + Canada geese - peaked at 25,000 last
week of March. A month late, stayed about 1 week.

Turkey Vulture 1 at one March 27.
at least 1 @ Lake Rock roost with 25 to 30 birds,

April 25, a movement of Hawks at Runnels, upper
reaches of Red Rock Refuge - Kettle of Broadwings,
1 Nighthawk, 1 Marsh hawk, 1 Osprey, 1 Cooper's, & Red-tails
also 2 Ospreys in Refuge April 1
13 Red-tail nests in Lake area - Jan Straver's study, banding 49.
Bald Eagles, peaked at 15 during March at Red Rock

Sandpepers - Plovers - almost none, water
up in lake + ponds. Few Kildeers

Eastern Kingbirds - down in old pastures where
they have nested for years
Eastern Phoebe - down, none where they
nested last year
over

Loggerhead Shrikes - 3 nests completed by April 9 - 2 were predated, suspect crow, 1 nest in Locust was bulldozed.
At present 2 nests with nestlings,

Warblers - 7 sightings near Red Rock dam reported fair wave May 13 and 14 with several species banded.

Yellow Warblers - 2 pair in one old Blue Grass field, habitat loss great, No other nesting pairs located.

Bobolinks - Approx. 10 males singing in big pasture May 17 and at least 2 in grassy field in No. Oak Rock Park.

Red-winged Blackbirds - most numerous of all species in this area.

Orchard Oriole - only one located, absent from 2 fields where they usually nest.

Northern Oriole - fair population (but way down compared to 15 years ago.)

Dickcissel - fewer so far than 1977.

Common Redpoll - last 4 seen on Mar. 28

Pine Siskins - 4 on May 8. (1 nested in

D.M. but Woody B. will report on that, I'm sure)

White-Crowned Sparrows - at least 50 overwintered at my cousin's 5 mi. north of Pville at edge of Red Rock Refuge with 15 remaining there mid May.

Grady's Black